



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

- WHEREAS: Emergency medical services are vital to communities. Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rates of individuals who experience sudden illness or injury; and
- WHEREAS: The emergency medical service system consists of emergency physicians, nurses, medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, and other out-of-hospital care providers. Whether professionals or volunteers, these individuals engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and
- WHEREAS: Emergency medical services teams stand ready to provide lifesaving treatment to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and
- WHEREAS: Emergency medical services fill gaps in health care delivery by providing out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up treatment, and access to telemedicine; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the outstanding and courageous duties performed daily by emergency medical service professionals in service to their fellow citizens; and
- WHEREAS: The theme for Emergency Medical Services Week 2018 is "EMS Strong: Stronger Together"; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 20–26, 2018, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK in Georgia and join in recognizing all members of Georgia's emergency medical service system.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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